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By What Authority? 155. (1)

Int. "Civilized society is possible only thru adherence to law + order through the recognition of some sure and final authority in the affairs of men."

In matters of Religion God is that final authority: Isa. 55:8-11. Matt. 28:18-20. I Pet. 3:15. Jude 3.

Includes: matters of faith, morals and all religious practices.

Lesson: Three parts.

1. an episode in the life of Jesus.
2. an experience I had in Madisonville.
3. Some imp. conclusions based on these experiences.

I * Matt. 21:23-27. Cause of their challenge: Envy + jealousy. Populat!

A. V. 8. Triumphal Entry. V. 11. Populat!

B. V. 12. Cleansed the Temple. V. 13. Populat!

C. V. 14-15, 16-17. Healed many.

Question: Can mere man heal by miracles? Never. "above-human."

Question: If one did heal repeatedly could it have been anything but God's power at work!

Conclusion: Jesus performed miracles from God and yet was challenged by men.

II Christians Can Give an adequate (2)
answer today without miracle -
have God's word = Prov II Tim. 3:16/17

4. Ill. My experience at Madisonville:
Lions Club friend + I met at Riff's
Cupboard Cafe for lunch. Had a discussion

Q: 1. Why do you in CofC. have Lord's Supper
every Sunday? Acts 20:7. E. 20:8.

2. Why do you take the Bible only.
Jas. 1:25 Gal. 1:8-9. no manuals.

3. Why don't you use the instrument
of music? Eph. 5:19. Col. 3:16.

4. Why don't you believe in the O.T.:
D.S. Rom. 15:4. I Cor. 10:6, 11.

5. Why don't you in CofC. tithe?
I Cor. 16:2. II Cor. 9:6-8.

6. Why do you teach there is only
one Church? Eph. 4:1-6.
How many Gods? H. S. O? Christ? etc.
Eph. 1:22-23. One body, one church.
II Tim. 2:10. I Cor. 15:24.
No eternal salvation in any other
nor in any other way.
Acts 4:12. John 14:6.

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My friend's answer:

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1. didn't have 4\$ entry fee? didn't know.
2. didn't take Bible only? didn't know.
3. why use inst. of music? didn't know.
4. why try to use O.T. to guide church today? didn't know.
5. why do you tithe? didn't know.
6. why believe more than one church? didn't know.

Question: why don't you know?
answer: We just take what the

Conclusions: preacher says! If he's wrong then we're wrong! No canon.

1. Jesus' Warning: Matt. 15: 7-14.
 2. Plead: We have only one opportunity to live right + please God in this life time. Must be right + do right.
- Inv. To be saved: By Christ's authority.
Must believe: Mk. 16: 15-16. John 8: 24.
Must repent: Acts 2: 38. Lk. 13: 3.
Must confess: Rom. 10: 9-10. Matt. 10: 32-33.
Must be baptized: By what authority?
Matt. 28: 18-20.
Paul understood it! Acts 22: 16.
Peter did. 1 Peter 3: 21.

HOPE YOU DO! COME!